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PROF. BRENTON TO LEAVE.

Has Been Elected Executive Secretary of Social Service Commission.

The end of the present academic year will witness the loss by the college of one of her most valued and popular professors, the Rev. Cranston Brenton, M. S., Professor of English, who has been unanimously elected to the office of Executive Secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Diocese of New York. This commission, chosen by the diocese at its annual convention, has for its chairman, the Rev. Ernest M. Stires, D. D., rector of St. Thomas Church, New York, and is composed of the leading clergymen and laymen of the diocese. Among its membership is R. Fulton Cutting, the most prominent figure in social uplift in New York, and many other men of the same type.

Professor Brenton's election to the executive secretaryship was a complete surprise to him, coming, as it did, unsought for, and to a man outside of the diocese of New York. In the campaigning in and around Hartford on behalf of and in connection with the Men and Religion Movement, Professor Brenton did efficient and valuable work. Several summers ago he conducted the outdoor services at Grace Church, New York. The election to this office is a high honor and a tribute to Trinity's professor, while at the same time it offers to him an opportunity for social service which cannot be overestimated. The end of this academic year will conclude Professor Brenton's tenth year of service on the faculty of Trinity College.

He received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Trinity in 1899, graduated from the Berkeley Divinity School in 1901, and received his M. S. from Trinity in 1902. After a rectorate of three years at All Saints' Memorial Church, New Milford, Conn., he became assistant professor of English at Trinity, in 1904, two years later, Professor Brenton became Professor of the English Language and Literature. His courses in this department have by common consent of the students been ranked as among the most interesting in the entire curriculum. Of especial interest and value are his courses on Shakespeare and in English composition. The latter is limited to ten students and there is always a long waiting list of applicants for admission into it. Professor Brenton is a member of the Delta Psi fraternity, with which he has maintained the closest connections since graduation.

The Social Service Commission to whose secretaryship Professor Brenton has been elected, is the official representative of the Episcopal Church in matters of social service, and cooperates with all other agencies working for the same ends. Immigration, tenement conditions, liquor traffic, and the enforcement of excise laws, child labor, vice problems, the unemployed,—these are a few of the questions that the

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STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION.

An Account by One of the Trinity Delegates to Kansas City.

No doubt there is great confusion in the minds of most of us as to just what a Students' Volunteer Convention is and as to its purposes. Let me try to explain. A number of years ago a movement was set on foot to interest the students of North American colleges in foreign missions and to form into an organization all those who planned to enter the foreign field as missionaries when they had completed college. These men were known as Student Volunteers and the movement spread, the body was more solidly formed and became aggressive in its policy, in that it strove to constantly increase the interest in missions and the number of those who were pledged to go. Several large conventions were held with these main purposes in view and the convention this Christmas time held in Kansas City was just such a one, except that it was greater than any of its predecessors. And I do not mean simply greater in numbers for there is no doubt that twice the number of delegates could have been present had the Committee seen fit, for most colleges pleaded to be permitted to send more. As it was, the delegates were sent on the basis of 2 for the first 200 students and 1 for each additional 200 in colleges, and 1 for each 10 in seminaries and divinity schools. About 800 institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada were represented by 4000 delegates and there was another round thousand missionaries, mission board secretaries and speakers. We can better realize what that vast crowd was like if we multiply the number our chapel holds by 28! And yet with all that multitude the tremendous work of registration, of entertainment, of seating in the huge hall, was run with the utmost ease and dispatch. It has been called the greatest convention of its kind ever held and it deserves the title. Every man and woman—and I have not mentioned that nearly half were women—of the audiences of seven thousand was under the spell of Chairman Mott's leadership constantly; a raise of his hand and there was instant silence, the announcement of a hymn and the roof was nearly lifted by full seven thousand voices, a call for prayer and seven thousand hearts joined in it fervently. And it was no mere perfunctory singing and praying as is so often the case, but you felt that every man was in it and you could not help joining in yourself.

While speaking of the remarkable way in which things were run, the arrangements for admission should not be neglected. Each delegate had his ticket and the color of that ticket determined the door where he entered and the part of the hall where he sat. The ushers were efficient and prompt, especially so when it was necessary to

ALUMNI PRIZE CONTEST.

All Essays Must Be Submitted Not Later Than Tomorrow.

Of the many candidates for the Alumni prizes in English composition, four have handed their essays to Professor Brenton. All essays are due Saturday, January 10, and each of them is to be signed with a fictitious name. Every essay is required to be accompanied by an envelope containing the writer's real name, but having his fictitious name on the outside.

The titles of the essays that have been submitted so far are: "The Early Inspiration of William Morris," "For Thirty Pieces," "Unto This Last," and "Shakespeare's Fools."

The prizes are for \$25, \$20 and \$15, and they will be awarded within a few weeks after the essays are submitted. The judges, whose names will not be made known until after the awarding of the prizes, are men not immediately connected with the college, and to whom all the contestants are unknown.

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hand-out pamphlets, as often happened. We found it necessary to be at the hall at least ten minutes before the session started, for at that time the doors were thrown open to the public and it was a lucky delegate who did not find a Kansas City citizen in his seat. All the doors closed promptly and not a man entered after the doors were once closed except once or twice during the singing of hymns when the rule was broken. Other features were the Convention Post-Office, and Daily Paper, the Information Bureau and Railroad Ticket Agencies—in fact the hall was a regular city in itself. The Convention Hall itself was decorated with the flags of the various countries to which Student Volunteers had been sent. At the end, above the speakers' platform, was a huge map of the world and from North America streamers went out to all those parts of the world where Student Volunteers had done service and on each country was designated the number who had served there. The flags of the United States, of Canada and of Japan and China flanked this map and not only by this invisible means but in every other part of the Convention it was manifest that this was a conference of nations. There were upwards of 150 Chinese delegates present and they made an impressive fringe of yellow around the lower gallery of the hall.

But all this is only the mechanical part of the Conference—the way in which it was managed—and I have not touched upon the most important part,—the actual sessions, the conferences, the speakers, the exhibit and so forth. Space forbids that I do it justice nor do I believe there is a pen which could describe the whole event with any

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DEBATING ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Debate to Be Arranged With Rutgers in April.

An important meeting of the Debating Association was held Thursday noon in the history room to discuss the matter of an inter-collegiate debate. The matter has been pending for some time and it was hoped that some definite conclusion should be reached at once.

The following letter from Levi S. Ernst, secretary of the Rutgers debating committee to E. M. Lazarus, president of the local association was read and discussed.

"Dear Sir:

The committee of Rutgers favors the establishment of debating relations with Trinity. Arrangements, however, had already been made for one debate for this year at the time when your letter was received, and it is not felt that another could be undertaken unless your institution would accept as the question for discussion that which we shall use in the first. It may appear at first glance that this will give us somewhat of an advantage; but in view of the vast amount of work entailed in the preparation of an argument, the committee feels that another subject could not be considered.

Will you let me know what your committee thinks of an attempt to schedule a triangular debate of New York University, Trinity and Rutgers upon the question, *Resolved: That the banking and currency reform legislation in the United States should contain a provision for a central bank under federal control?* Or would a single debate with Rutgers appeal more, or possibly, a dual arrangement of the two institutions? If nothing may be accomplished for this year, possibly next year will bring forth better results."

The question, as stated in the letter, was discussed and opinions given for and against the advisability of entering into debating relations with Rutgers under the existing conditions. There was great difference of opinion here but it was generally agreed that if anything was to be made of the debating work it must be done at once. The time was ripe for extending the work of the club into the field of inter-collegiate competition. Mr. Fitzpatrick, '14, made a motion to the effect that the local association should adopt the suggestion of the Rutgers committee and make arrangements for a single debate to be held with that institution during the month of April and upon the question proposed by them. The motion was seconded and put to a vote. The association voted to sustain the motion.

Further business concerning the appointment of a committee to arrange for the finals of the inter-class debate was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Complaints have been heard about the spirit of the men on the glee club. There seems to be a growing tendency to come to rehearsals as late as possible, to work as little as possible during rehearsals, and to leave as early as possible. Also there is a marked absence of enthusiasm. To lead a club in which such conditions obtain, must be somewhat difficult, to say the least, and we could not blame the leader if he showed some signs of discouragement. Fortunately he has not. The work of the organization in the last two concerts was infinitely better than it had been at any time previous this year, and there can be little doubt of the fact that it was practically the persistence and example of one man that made such improvement possible. With the material in college there is no reason why this year's club should not be as good or even better than last year's, and it will be if every member takes a real interest in the work and does his utmost towards making it successful. No doubt singing time after time in little towns around Hartford gets tiresome. Good trips would help the spirit a lot. Trips can only be obtained, however, after the club has established a firm reputation, and a firm reputation cannot be made in one or two seasons. At present it is a question of service with no apparent reward, but it might be suggested that the knowledge that a man is serving his college, in however small a way, should be reward enough in itself.

Student Volunteer Convention.

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accuracy. There was too much behind it all—something which the mere recording cannot express. Let me just mention a few of the features. Foremost of course stands the addresses made during the morning and evening sessions. Some of the greatest speakers and educators in our land today were present and there were also missionaries direct from the field to tell of their labors and needs. Such men as Mott, Speer, Sherwood Eddy, Horton, Zwemer, Ross Stevenson and Bryan put forth their utmost endeavors and it is small wonder that they were effective. These sessions did not consist entirely of addresses but were interspersed with singing and prayer and each of these deserves special mention. There was a splendid convention quartette which furnished some music but the greater part was in the singing of hymns by the whole body. There was a hymnal prepared especially for the convention and containing many new hymns and new tunes. It was an inspiration in itself to hear those 7000 join as one in song. But perhaps the greatest inspiration was when they joined in prayer. Intercession was made a special feature of each morning session and for half an hour you could have heard a pin drop in that mighty hall while the whole Convention prayed.

Every afternoon conferences of various kinds were held throughout the city and some of these were almost as important as the sessions themselves. There was also an Exhibit of Missionary literature, of charts, maps, illustrations and curios, as well as special collections of books and libraries and all this was made a special feature of the Convention. One of the most impressive events was the raising of the money for the support of the Movement during the next four years—for the Conventions are held only once in a student generation. Dr. Mott had been talking for an hour and a half on his experiences in the various countries and had held his audience spellbound. Then without any special appeal for money, blanks were passed and each man was asked to subscribe what he felt able in spreading the great Movement. In five minutes \$113,000 was pledged and yet it must be remembered that the great majority of the throng were students—many of them struggling through college. There could be no better example of the earnestness and sincerity of the delegates and of the serious way in which they viewed their responsibilities to the Movement.

Any great gathering of this kind will make certain great impressions upon each individual who witnesses it and will bring home certain facts to him. To me perhaps the greatest impression was the fact that in spite of the absolute earnestness of every man present, of his religious zeal and beliefs, in no way could it be seen how deeply he had been affected, how much his whole being had been moved. The whole course of lives was changed in those five days and yet the man's neighbor did not know it. There was some hidden force behind the whole conference which made one realize that against such earnestness nothing could stand and that the watchword of the Movement was indeed coming to pass—that the World

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was to be Evangelized in this Generation.

And one other thing it brought home was the realization of the unity of all Christian faiths. One man did not know out there to what denomination his neighbor belonged; Methodist and Unitarian shared the same hymnal. And that same unity could be seen among the students of the two big nations who were represented. It made one feel how small indeed were denominations and nations compared to the one great force which moves us all—Christianity.

An opportunity to hear details of the questions emphasized at the Convention, will be offered at morning service in the chapel Sunday, when one of the delegates will speak.

Though it sounds paradoxical, it is nevertheless true that many men have returned to college after the Christmas recess to recuperate.

Prof. Gettell Reads Paper Before Political Science Association.

At the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, which was held this year in Washington, D. C., from December 30 to January 2, Professor Gettell read a paper entitled: "Nature and Scope of Present Political Theory." Other papers were read on various governmental topics. The association is made up of teachers of political science and government officials. Washington was chosen as a convenient meeting place as it is the heart of all governmental affairs.

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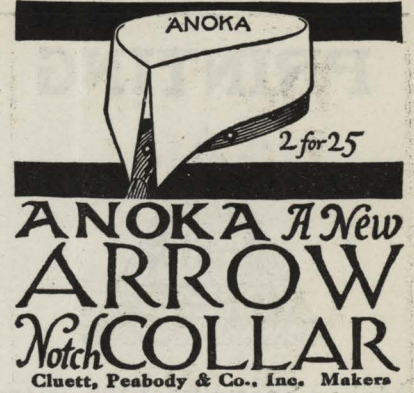


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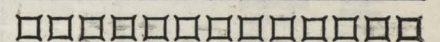
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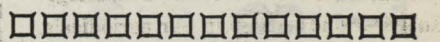
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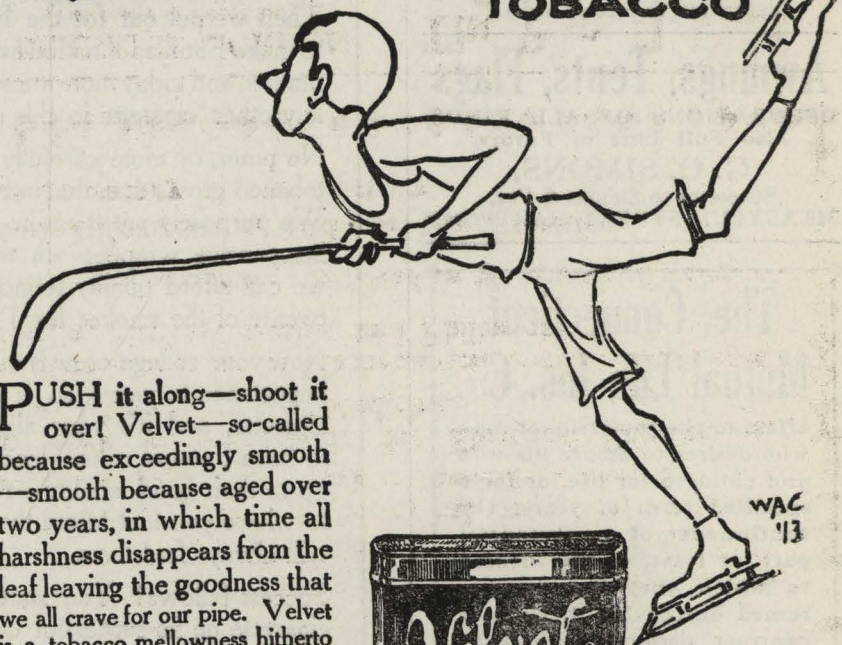
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